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Rep. Slaughter Issues Statement on General Petraeus Iraq Testimony

WASHINGTON, DC - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today issued the following statement on General David Petraeus's testimony before the House Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs on the current state of the Iraq War.

"The testimony given by General Petraeus today was nothing more than a clear call for more of the same failed policies that have come to define the greatest foreign policy blunder in American history," said Rep. Slaughter. **"For five long years, our brave men and women in uniform have sacrificed so much for their country. They deserve a genuine assessment of the situation on the ground, not cherry-picked accounts used to mask the realities of the conflict and to justify an open-ended commitment in Iraq."**

"The American people are sick and tired of empty rhetoric and, frankly, so am I," continued Rep. Slaughter. **"The time has long passed for the Bush Administration and Republicans in Congress to take off their rose-colored glasses and give the American people some straight talk. The violence in Iraq has not subsided, benchmarks for success have consistently not been met, and because of this over 4,000 troops have paid the ultimate price and thousands more have been wounded."**

"I remain committed to pushing for a prompt troop withdrawal and will continue to demand accountability from the Administration," said Rep. Slaughter.

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